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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SACCO, et al. Conf.: 8756
Appl. No.: 09/486,660 Group: 1632
Filed: October 29, 2001 Examiner: PRIEBE
For: TRANSGENIC ANIMALS FOR THE STUDY OF
BIOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TOXIC
AGENTS

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We hereby apply to withdraw as attorneys or agents for the above-identified application.

The reasons for this request are the facts that the client, Gene Control S.A., is seriously in arrears on with respect to the payment of fees due to this firm, with one bill being outstanding since 9 September 2003. Also, the client has failed to provide assistance necessary to the prosecution of this application. For example, the client has failed despite repeated requests to supply us with a translation into English of the priority document.

1. The correspondence address is NOT affected by this withdrawal.

2. Change the correspondence address and direct all future correspondence to:

Gene Control S.A.
18, rue Cavour
CH-1203 Geneva
SWITZERLAND

The undersigned is signing on behalf of himself and all of the attorneys and agents associated with the law firm of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch and Birch, LLP (customer number 02292). The undersigned is authorized to execute this Notice of Withdrawal for all of the attorneys and agents of record who are associated with customer number 02292.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

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Note: Withdrawal is effective when approved rather than when received. Unless there are at least 30 days between approval of withdrawal and the expiration date of a time period for response or possible extension period, the request to withdraw is normally disapproved.

This request is enclosed in triplicate.